LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENNEBEC
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Newsletter



We're excited to share that Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec has been selected again as a featured nonprofit partner in the Hannaford Community Bag Program for **November 2026!**

Every time you grab a $2.50 reusable Community Bag at the below Augusta location during November, $1 comes directly to LVK.

118 Cony Street, Augusta ME

It's a simple purchase that makes a powerful impact—helping us provide vital tutoring, digital literacy, and adult learning resources across Kennebec County while keeping plastic out of our environment. Thank you for standing with us and helping our community thrive!

November

Director's Note

As I approach the end of my second month as Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec, I've been reflecting on something that has stood out to me since my very first days here: the incredible willingness of people in our community to support one another.

Over the past several weeks, I've had the opportunity to meet with individuals and representatives from organizations throughout our community. I've been welcomed warmly, invited into conversations, and offered resources, ideas, and support. To every community partner who has taken the time to connect with me, thank you. Your generosity and willingness to work together remind me how much we can accomplish when we recognize that our neighbors' successes matter to all of us.

That spirit of connection is at the heart of LVK's work.

Every learner who comes to us brings unique experiences, strengths, and goals. Whether someone wants to become a more confident reader, strengthen their math skills, learn to use technology, or prepare for new opportunities, our role is to meet them where they are and help them move toward the goals they've chosen for themselves.



Our volunteer tutors make that work possible. They share their time, knowledge, patience, and encouragement, building relationships that support learning and growth. I'm deeply grateful for their dedication, and for the trust our learners place in us.

As we move into November, a month when many of us take time to reflect on gratitude, I hope we'll also think about what it means to come together as a community. Supporting our neighbors isn't just about meeting immediate needs. It's about recognizing the value of every person, removing barriers to opportunity, and making sure everyone has the chance to learn, contribute, and thrive.

To our learners, volunteers, Board members, community partners, and supporters: thank you for being part of this work. I'm grateful for the welcome I've received, inspired by the commitment I've witnessed, and excited about what we can accomplish together.

Our community is stronger when everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

Kind Regards,
Kira Sorumieto
Executive Director
Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec



Holiday Shopping That Gives Back!



Planning to buy chocolates, candy, or nuts for the holidays? Consider shopping through LVK's See's Candies fundraiser! When you purchase through our fundraising store, a portion of your purchase helps support free literacy services in Kennebec County.

There's no need to buy anything extra. If these treats are already on your holiday shopping list, this is an easy way to make your purchase do a little more good!

Shop our See's Candies fundraiser!

See's CANDIES

YUM-RAISING LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENNEBEC

Annual Appeal



Donate to Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec (LVK) to change lives through literacy. While many grew up with books as sources of joy and learning, for many adults, reading is a barrier.

By supporting LVK, you help adults gain essential skills in reading, writing, math, and technology—empowering them to lift themselves and their families out of poverty, improve health outcomes, and secure sustainable employment.

Building a more literate adult population is fundamental to addressing broader challenges like health, poverty, and education.

A SMALL DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

lvkennebec.org/donate/

Website Updates

We are thrilled to announce a fresh new look and improved online experience for our community! Over the coming weeks, you will notice several changes and updates to our website designed to better serve our learners, volunteers, and supporters:

New Domain: Our domain has officially changed from **lva-augusta.org to lvkennebec.org** to better align with our organization's identity.

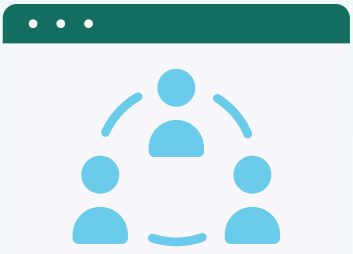




Streamlined & Accessible Navigation: We've refreshed the layout and appearance of our pages so you can easily navigate and find the information you need in fewer clicks.

Greater Focus on Learning Resources: Our updated site puts learning help front and center, making it easier than ever for adult learners to connect with tutoring, digital literacy assistance, and educational support.





Highlighted Community Resources: We've elevated our resource section to clearly showcase opportunities for volunteering, donating, and accessing community services.

Bookmark Our New Domain!

lvkennebec.org

Learning starts with your goals.

We're here to help you build the skills you need for what matters to you.



Looking for help? You're in the right place.

We offer free, personalized learning support for adults in Kennebec County.

Get Free Learning Help

Obtenga ayuda para aprender

احصل على مساعدة في التعلّم

Learning is personal. So is our support.

At Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec (LVK), we help adults build skills that matter to them. Whether you want to read more confidently, improve your writing or math skills, learn English, or feel more comfortable using technology, we're here to help.

Our volunteer tutors provide free, one-on-one learning support based on your goals, your needs, and your pace.

I Want to Learn

Explore our free learning services and find out how to get started.

Get Learning Help

I Want to Volunteer

Share your time and skills to help adults reach their goals.

Explore Volunteering

I Want to Support LVK

Help keep learning opportunities free in our community.

Support Our Work



VOLUNTEER

Volunteer tutors are the foundation of Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec (LVK). After completing the tutor training, volunteers tutors work with adults one-to-one, creating a very strong and unique learning partnership.

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DONATE

For many, books were once a challenge, not a joy. With your support, LVK helps adults build literacy skills, opening doors to opportunity. Your donation makes a lasting impact—help change a life today!

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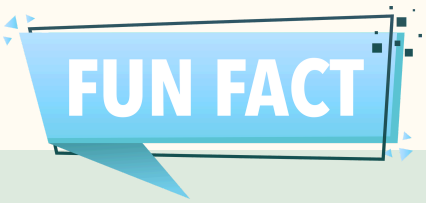



Long before audiobooks, a cherished late-fall tradition in 19th-century New England was "Harvest Reading," where family members would take turns reading adventure stories and poetry aloud to keep each other entertained during dark November evenings.

Thank you for your support!

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